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## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency Name:</b>	12 Health
<b>VAC Chapter Number:</b>	12 VAC 5-90-80 A
<b>Regulation Title:</b>	Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control
<b>Action Title:</b>	Reportable Disease List
<b>Date:</b>	December 14, 2001

Where a regulation is exempt in part or in whole from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*) (APA), the agency may provide information pertaining to the action to be included on the Regulatory Town Hall. The agency must still comply the requirements of the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4103 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*) and file the final regulation with the Registrar in a style and format conforming with the *Virginia Register Form, Style and Procedure Manual*. The agency must also comply with Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) which requires an assessment of the regulation's impact on the institution of the family and family stability.

**Note agency actions exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(B)** do not require filing with the Registrar a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action, or at the proposed stage. When the regulation is promulgated and submitted to the Registrar, the agency need only provide a statement citing the specific Virginia Code section referencing the exemption and an authority certification letter from the Attorney General's Office. No specific format is required.

This form should be used for actions **exempt from the Administrative Process Act pursuant to §2.2-4002** at the final stage. Note that agency actions exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(C) of the APA do not require filing with the Registrar a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action, and at the proposed stage.

### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or the regulation being repealed. There is no need to state each provision or amendment or restate the purpose and intent of the regulation, instead give a summary of the regulatory action and alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

The Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control are being amended to add certain diseases and conditions to the list of diseases that medical care providers and laboratories must report to the health department. Conducting surveillance for these diseases will enable the health department to increase its protection of the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth. The diseases being added are Creutzfeld-Jakob disease in persons under 55 years of age, chronic

hepatitis B infection in pregnant women, chronic hepatitis C infection, Q fever, smallpox, invasive pneumococcal disease in young children, tularemia, viral hemorrhagic fever, and any unusual occurrence of disease of public health concern.

**Statement of Final Agency Action**

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including the date the action was taken, the name of the agency taking the action, and the title of the regulation.*

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The State Health Commissioner, vested with the authority of the State Board of Health pursuant to 32.1-20 of the Code of Virginia, adopted this amendment as a final regulation on December 14, 2001. The Virginia Department of Health is hereby amending the list of reportable diseases that appears in 12 VAC 5-90-80 A of the Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control.

**Family Impact Statement**

*Please provide an analysis of the regulatory action that assesses the impact on the institution of the family and family stability including the extent to which the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.*

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This action will help protect the health of families in Virginia. Once the health department is made aware that any of these diseases has been diagnosed in Virginia, steps will be taken to gather information about the illnesses and, wherever possible, take measures to ensure that the risk of disease to others is minimized.